(c) Monitoring is done by the colliery authorities. Railways have adequate liaison with them for the safety of railway tracks. As such monitoring technology is not used by the Railways directly for the purpose.

Tatkal scheme

263. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for issuing waitlisted tickets under tatkal scheme;

(b) whether such a situation adversely affects the normal waitlisted ticketholders;

(c) the percentage of berths reserved for tatkal scheme in trains, class-wise;

(d) the measures taken to ensure that more than 10 per cent of total tickets in a train would not be kept under tatkal scheme; and

(e) the reasons for not discontinuing the tatkal waitlisted tickets when there is no question of a revenue loss as tatkal tickets are non refundable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) The matter is under examination.

Quality of food in trains and at stations

264. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of food served in trains and railway stations has been deteriorating day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years, zone-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government on such complaints and the measures being taken to check the quality of food served in trains/stations;

(d) whether any surprise checks are being conducted by a monitoring authority to check the quality of food items; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the quality of food served in trains/stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) In view of the complaints received regarding quality of food served in trains and Railway Stations, the Catering Policy is under review.

Passenger amenities at stations in Orissa

265. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of upgraded railway stations of Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that required passenger amenities and other facilities have not been given in all these stations; and